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SUMMARY

THE FOLLOWING CABLE MESSAGE HAS BEEN REPRODUCED FOR DISSEMINATION JUST AS RECEIVED FROM THE FIELD. THE COMMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDED ARE INTENDED TO CLARIFY SELECTED APPARENT DISCREPANCIES.

THIS IS A SITUATION SUMMARY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM FOR A PERIOD OF [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS COLLATED FROM A NUMBER OF HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES. 25X1D

1. THE AIRFIELD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS UNDER CONSTRUCTION APPROX 2.5 MILES ESE OF KEP HA (2123N/10640E) IS NOW REPORTED TO BE SERVICEABLE WITH ONE NE/SW PACKED EARTH RNWY ESTIMATED TO BE 4500, X 400, AN EARTHEN PARKING APRON AND 16 BKS AND SUPPORT BLDGS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE FACILITIES. CURRENT REPORTS INDICATE ANOTHER NEW, SERVICEABLE, SOD RNWY ESTIMATED TO BE 2000, X 100, AND ORIENTED NW/SE LOCATED APPROX 2.5 MILES SE OF TUYEN QUANG (2147N/10514E). NO ACFT HAVE BEEN SEEN OPERATING FROM EITHER FLD. RELIABLE SOURCES HAVE STATED THAT A FIELD ALSO UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT PHUC YEN (2113N/10548E) BUT IS NOT YET OPERATIONAL. A LARGE NUMBER OF WORKERS QUARTERS ARE REPORTEDLY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THIS NEW AIRSTRIP. IT IS FURTHER REPORTED THAT THIS RNWY COULD, WHEN COMPLETED, BE IN EXCESS OF 10,000, IN LENGTH. MORE DETAILED RPTS FROM THE AREAS OF DONG HOI AFLD (1731N/10636E), HANOI/GIA LAM AFLD (2102N/10553), AND HAIPHONG CAT BI AFLD (2049N/10644E) INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN FACILITIES AT THESE INSTLNS RECENTLY BUT THAT THE FOLLOWING ACFT HAVE BEEN SEEN AT THESE FLDS IN THE LAST WEEK. DONG HOI - ONE TWIN ENGINE TRANSPORT HANOI/GIA LAM - 28 TWIN ENGINE TRANSPORTS, 3 SINGLE ENGINE TRANSPORTS, AND 2 HELICOPTERS HAIPHONG CAT BI - 6 LIAISON, 2 HELICOPTERS AND 4 PISTON ENGINE FIGHTERS. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE STATUS OF THE FOLLOWING AFLDS - MON CAY (2131N/10758E), LANGSON (2150N/10646E), HANOI/BAC MAI (209N/10550E), HAIPHONG/KIEN AN (2048N/10636E), KEP (2124N/10616E), AND OAM HA (2121N/10737E) REMAINS UNCHANGED AND THAT NO ACFT HAVE BEEN OPERATING FROM THEM RECENTLY. THE FOLLOWING AFLDS HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS UNSERVICEABLE AS THEY HAVE EITHER BEEN COMPLETELY ABANDONED OR, IN SOME CASES, RETURNED TO CULTIVATION. DO SON (2043N/10648E), TIEN YEN (2120N/10725E), PHUC NHAC (2010N/10605E), PHU THO (2124N/10746E), AND BANPHA NOP (1733N/10546E). USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATE THAT VINH AFLD (1843N/10540E) IS OPERATIONAL, BUT THAT AN EXTENSION OF APPROX 1500, IS PRESENTLY BEING ADDED TO THE NORTH END OF THE RNWY. NO ACFT HAVE BEEN SEEN AT THE FLD FOR SEVERAL DAYS. RPTS FROM THE HAO DUYET (1822N/10536E) AREA DO NOT CONFIRM PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT A NEW AFLD IS BEING CONSTRUCTED THERE. NO CHANGES IN FACILITIES HAVE BEEN INDICATED AT THE FOLLOWING AFLDS FOR A PERIOD OF SEVERAL

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MONTHS. THAKEK NEW (1724N/10449E), THAKEK OLD (1724N/10449E), TCEPONE (1643N/10612E), SENO (1640N/10500E), LAK SAO (1811N/10459E), AND BAN DONE (1843N/10515E). A SOD AIRSTRIP ESTIMATED TO BE 2000, X 50, HAS BEEN REPORTED AT BANNA VENG (1737N/10511E), HOWEVER, CURRENT REPORTS INDICATE THAT NO ADDITIONAL FACILITIES HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AND THAT NO ACFT HAVE USED THE STRIP RECENTLY. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS LOCATE A PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED, BUT ABANDONED AIRSTRIP AT B. HOUE SANE (1637N/10634E). THE EXISTANCE OF AFLDS AT BAN XAANG (1728N/10544E) AND MUONG PHALANE (1640N/10534E) CANNOT BE SUBSTANTIATED AT THIS TIME.

2. REPORTED MILITARY ACTIVITY AROUND MAHAXAY INCLUDES AN AREA WHICH CONTAINS APPROX 20 BKS AND IS ENCLOSED BY PERSONNEL TRENCHES ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF TOWN AND A CONTROL POINT CONTAINING A HALF DOZEN BKS ALSO SURROUNDED BY TRENCHES. ANOTHER SMALL ENTRENCHES BKS AREA AND ONE STPK MAST ANTENNA WERE OBSERVED NEAR BAN NHOMMARATH KEO. ONLY MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED IN THE AREA OF BAN DONG AND BOUNGBAO WAS A SMALL CLEARED AREA WITH PERSONNEL TRENCHES NORTH OF THE FORMER AND NEGLIGIBLE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AT THE LATTER. REPORTS PERSIST THAT TCHEPONE FORT (1642N/10613E), WHICH PREVIOUSLY CONSISTED OF 43 BLDGS, NOW CONTAINS ONLY 18 BLDGS. RECENT REPORT FAIL TO SUBSTANTIATE ANY MILITARY FACILITIES OR ACTIVITY AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING. BAN PHA NOP (1732N/10544E), NAN LANE (1730N/10520E), BAN NA HI (1727N/10523E), BAN NA VENG (1737N/10514E), BAN NARO (1644N/10600E), BANNA SE (1724N/10504E), BAN NA THOU (1643N/10553E), BAN NHOMMARATH (1736N/10511E), BAN NA KHE (1723N/10514E), BAN NAM KHANG (1648N/10611E), HAN HAI (1724N/10525E), MOUNG PHINE (1634N/10602E), BAN NATUOE (1730N/10524E), BAN SA NOUNE (1634N/10542E), BAN I LANE (1734N/10518E), DONG KHAPHO (1637N/10542E), BAN A LOUEI (1634N/10545E), BAN LADEAU (1632N/10633E), THE MILITARY INSTALLATION AT SON TAY (2107N/10528E) HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE AS NOW HAVING APPROX 150 BKS 24 STORAGE BLDGS, 9 SUPPORT BLDGS AND CONTAINING A MOTOR POOL WITH 40-50 VEHICLES. BEN LANG MILITARY CAMP (1702N/10656E) AND PHU LANG THUONG MILITARY BKS (2117N/10612E), ARE REPORTED TO BE ENLARGING, WITH EXTENSIVE GRADING AND A NEW ACCESS ROAD AT THE FORMER AND SEVERAL BLDGS AND NEW POL TANKS AT THE LATTER. THE DONG HOI MILITARY COMPLEX HAS ALSO ADDED 24 NEW STORAGE BLDGS APPROX 1.5 MILES NW OF DONG HOI STADIUM. INFORMATION INDICATES THAT A MILITARY INSTLN OF 39 BKS, 75 WAREHOUSES AND APPROX 40 SUPPORT BLDGS HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN THE DONG LE AREA (1911N/10545E). APPROX 70 STORAGE TYPE BLDGS AND UP TO 25 TRUCKS HAVE BEEN SEEN AT THE VAN TRI STORAGE AREA (2103N/10545E) BY A RELIABLE SOURCE. A REPORTED MILITARY STORAGE INSTLN AT LOC BINH (2145N/10856E) CONSISTS OF AN ESTIMATED 35 BLDGS AND UTILIZES BETWEEN 25 AND 30 LARGE TRUCKS. MILITARY AREAS AT VONG BI (2102N/10647E), VINH YEN (2120N/10523E), VINH BKS 1840N/10541E) AND DAN HOI (2104N/10543E), HOWEVER, HAVE APPARENTLY REMAINED BASICALLY UNCHANGED FOR 6 OR MORE MONTHS. TWO MILITARY CAMPS ARE REPORTEDLY GIVING DRIVER TRAINING COURSES. DRIVERS AND VEHICLES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED PRACTICING AT YEN BO (2112N/10523E) AND AT THACH SAN (2121N/10571E). THIS LATTER CAMP

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CONTAINS APPROX 70 BLDGS. NO MILITARY INSTLN COULD BE CONFIRMED AT BUC THO (1832N/10535E).

3. THE ROAD FROM THE DMZ TO DONG HOI IS REPORTED AS SERVICEABLE, BUT SOURCES INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO TROOP OR VEHICLE ACTIVITY CURRENTLY ON THIS SEGMENT OF ROAD. HIN THIS SAME ROAD, NORTH OF DONG HOI THIS PAST WEEK, WERE OBSERVED TWO TRUCK CONVOYS, ONE WITH 15 TRUCKS TRAVELLING NORTH APPROX 3 MILES NORTH OF VINH. THE OTHER CONVOY, COMPOSED OF 12 TRUCKS WAS DRIVING SOUTH IN THE VICINITY OF 1908N/10537E. FRAGMENTARY REPORTS INDICATE NO ACTIVITY ON THE ROAD AND THE PARALLELING RAILROAD NORTH OF HAMOI TO LAO KAY, HOWEVER, APPROX 240 PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK WERE REPORTED IN THE HANOI YARDS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS, AND AT LEAST 2 SOUTHBOUND TRAINS WERE SEEN IN THE VICINITIES OF BIEN SON (2003N/10551E) AND PNULY (2031N/10556E). THE RAILROAD BETWEEN SON YEU (1928N/10546E) AND THAN NOA IS BEING CONVERTED TO A TWO LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD. PRESENTLY, THIS NEW ROAD IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND UNSERVICEABLE. SPORADIC MONITORING OF THE VINH-KEO NUA PASS ROAD REVEALS NO UNUSUAL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. THESE SAME REPORTS INDICATE HIGHWAY BRIDGE OUT AT YEN HOI (1851N/10534E). A THIRD CONVOY OF 33 VEHICLES WAS OBSERVED PARKED IN THE TOWN OF ZOM Y LAMH. THE ROAD FROM VINH TO BARHELEMY PASS APPEARED TRAFFICABLE TO THE SOURCE AND SEVERAL SMALL MILITARY STORAGE AREAS WERE NOTED BETWEEN VINH AND BAN ANG (1915N/10424E). NO UNUSUAL MILITARY CONVOYS OR CONCENTRATIONS WERE NOTICED ON THE ROADS BETWEEN BAN CHALIT (1640N/10455E), HAUEI KHAM TEUI (1642N/10516E), PHA LANE (1639N/10535E), AND BAN NA THA LONG (1639N/10535E). CHECK POINT NZWR ROAD AT B NAM POI (1639N/10535E) REPORTEDLY CONTAINS 40 SMALL BLDGS AND IS SURROUNDED BY TRENCHES AND A SECURITY FENCE. THE MAIN ROAD PASSES THROUGH OUTER SECURITY FENCE PROTECTING A CHECK POINT. AN INNER SECURITY FENCE SURROUNDS APPROX 30 BLDGS AT THE CHECK POINT. NO ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS REPORTED. THESE ROADS ARE ALL NATURAL SURFACED AND IN GOOD CONDITION AS ARE ROADS EMINATING FROM BAN NA THA LONG TO BAN NABO (1643N/10610E) AND TO BAN NA (1649N/10542E), PROVIDE ACCESS BETWEEN EITHER NABO AND BAN WATT (1654N/10624E) OR BAN NA THA LONG AND BAN NA (1649N/10542E). PERIODIC MONITORING OF GOOD NATURAL SURFACED ROADS FROM TCHEPHONE (1640N/10615E) TO EITHER LA HA (1638N/10643E), BAN NHANG (1622N/10601E), OR BAN VAN THEUM FAILED TO REVEAL ANY MILITARY TRAFFIC. SPOT CHECKS OF THE FOLLOWING ROADS INDICATED THEY WERE NATURAL SURFACED AND IN GOOD CONDITION BUT NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED. THAKEK (1724N/10448E) TO BAN PHOU KENG (1732N/10510E) TO DON BAI DINH (1745M/10547E) BAN KAVAK (1718N/10531E) TO BWNKHE NHOU (1725N/10542E).

4. THE THERMAL POWER PLANT AT THAI NGUYEN IS REPORTEDLY OPERATIONAL BUT THE ORE PROCESSING PLANT AND THE IRON AND STEEL PLANTS ARE STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE THAT THE NAM DINH COMPLEX HAS HAD AN INCREASE OF 4 AAA POSITIONS HAVING A TOTAL OF 36 GUNS. THESE BATTERIES ARE RADAR CONTROLLED. 41 ADDITIONAL BKS ARE BEING OR HAVZ BEEN CONSTRUCTED JUST NE OF VINH. HANOI HAS HAD NO

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APPARENT BUILD UP OTHER THAN THE ADDITION OF 16 PETROLEUM TANKS ESTIMATED TO BE 30, IN DIAMETER AT 2104N/10553E. CURRENT STATUS OF MOHCAY, HWIPHONG AND LANG SON COMPLEXES HAVE NOT CHANGED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE THAT AN INSTALLATION LOCATED 1000 TO 1500 YARDS WSW OF THE CITADEL IN THANH HOA COULD POSSIBLY

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THIS INSTLN CONSISTS OF APPROX 18 BLDGS AND IS WITHIN A SECURED AREA. A SMALL BKS AREA HAS ALSO BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER THANH NOA AFLD.

5. REPORTS CONCERNING CAM PHA PORT FACILITIES (2102N/10722E) REVEAL NO CHANGES DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. SOURCES OBSERVED 2 FREIGHTERS DOCKED AT THE QUAY. TWO OTHER FREIGHTERS AND 24 BARGES WERE NOTED IN THE PORT OF HON GAY (2057N/10704E). NO OTHER CHANGES NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NOTED AT THE QUANGKHE PORT FACILITIES SINCE LAST SPRING HOWEVER, ANOTHER RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED A NEW TRANS-SHIPMENT AREA WITH OPEN STORAGE, SEVERAL WAREHOUSES, SUPPORT BLDGS AND A LARGE T PEIR HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON THE CUU DINH SIDE OF THE RIVER.

6. THE SITE 8 MILES FROM CAM PHA THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED AS A RADAR SITE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS A MINING SITE BY RELIABLE SOURCES. COMMENTS.

1. REF PARA 1. AIRFIELD NEAR TUYEN QUANG IS NOT NEW, BUT BEING BUILT ON PREVIOUSLY EXISTING AIRFIELD.

2. REF PARA 1. COORDINATES FOR HANOI/BAC/MAI SHOULD PROBABLY BE 2100N/10550E.

3. REF PARA 1. COORDINATES FOR PHU THO SHOULD PROBABLY READ 2124N/10513E.

4. REF PARA 2. BEN LANG SHOULD PROBABLY BE BEN QUANG.

5. REF PARA 2. COORDINATES FOR LOC BINH SHOULD BE 2144N/10656E.

6. REF PARA 3. YEN HOI SHOULD PROBABLY BE TIEN HOI.

7. REF PARA 3. NABO SHOULD PROBABLY BE BAN NABO.

8. REF PARA 3. BAN NA SHOULD PROBABLY BE BAN NA MUNONG

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